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MISSOULA --

The 68-year old University of Montana Biological Station on Flathead Lake's Yellow Bay will dedicate its new \$150,000 lab Sunday in the memory of the Station's founder, Dr. Morton J. Elrod.

According to Dr. Richard Solberg, director of the Station, the 2 p.m. public ceremonies, will feature Dr. Arden R. Gaufin, assistant director in charge and Dr. Jessie M. Bierman, guest speaker.

Miss Bierman, a Kalispell native, is the first woman to receive an honorary doctorate from the University in Missoula. A professor emeritus of the University of California, she still directs the UC Maternal and Child Health Research Unit. She was graduated from UM in 1921 and had studied under Dr. Elrod.

Mrs. Mary Elrod Ferguson of Missoula, the founder's daughter, will be the guest of honor. She has donated most of Dr. Elrod's biological library, research notes, photographs and personal mementos to the Station museum.

The lab will be used for research on the natural fauna and flora of the northern Rocky Mountains. Funds for its construction primarily came from a National Science Foundation grant. State funds also were used to complete the structure.

In 1912 the first permanent building was erected at Yellow Bay. A hand hewn, log homesteader's cabin, built in the 1870's was the first structure at the Station. It is now the Station museum. The brick lab was demolished in 1965 to make room for the Elrod Lab.

Prior to President Robert T. Pantzer's dedication of the lab at 2 p.m., the station will offer conducted tours of its facilities. Many of the Station's 120 students and researchers will be on hand to explain the education and research at the Station.

The Station is on the east shore, State Highway 35, 10 miles north of Polson.